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1. SUMMARY. DESPITE MASSIVE PRESS PLAY IN ALL SECTORS OF BELGIAN PRESS, BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS MADE NO COMMENT BEYOND NOTING THAT MATTER IS ENTIRELY FRENCH QUESTION. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ONLY OFFICIAL COMMENT, BELGIAN MOD SPOKESMAN STATED THAT "STEHLIN AFFAIR IS STRICTLY A FRENCH MATTER".

3. BELGIAN PRESS HAS CARRIED NUMEROUS REPORTS BASED ON BOTH FRENCH PRESS ITEMS AND REPORTS FILED BY THEIR OWN CORRESPONDENTS. MUCH OF LOCAL PRESS PLAY HAS FOCUSSED ON PROPRIETY OF STEHLIN MEMO AND ON FRENCH REACTIONS TO STEHLIN AFFAIR. HOWEVER, STEHLIN'S CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF FRENCH AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY ITS USE OF OUTDATED TECHNOLOGY IN MIRAGE, UNREALISTIC FRENCH POLICY OF NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE IN DEFENSE MATTERS AND HIS COMMENTS ON SUPERIORITY OF US YF-16 AND YF-17, AS WELL AS NEED FOR ATLANTIC SOLIDARITY IN COMMON DEFENSE, HAVE BEEN WIDELY AND WELL REPORTED. NORTHROP ACCEPTANCE OF DASSAULT CHALLENGE TO A PHOTOGRAPHIC DOG FIGHT BETWEEN COMPETITORS ALSO CARRIED

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